THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The contract has been awarded to the consortium led by SPIE CAPAG of France, With N.K.K. and Toyo Engineering Corporation, both of Japan, as members for Rs. 722 crores at exchange rates prevailing on 3.4.86 based on their bid being the lowest in the overall analysis.

(e) The pipeline is scheduled to be completed in all respects by July, 1989.

False LPG Connections

46. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the existence of fake L.P.G. connections in Delhi and in other parts of the country said to be in connivance with the L.P.G. dealers;

(b) whether Government have ordered any enquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Cases of fake or unauthorised connections, obtained through fraudulant means like fake termination vouchers, have come to the notice of the oil marketing companies. These are enquired into and, apart from registration of cases with the police for action in accordance with law, in the event of any distributor being found responsible for the same, action is taken against him.

(d) Does not arise.

Consumption of Petrol

47. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the consumption of petrol has decreased since its price increase before the presentation of the budget of 1986-87;

(b) whether Government propose for the rationing of petrol in the near future in order to bring down its consumption in the interest of the nation; and

(c) what are the reasons due to which Government is avoiding its rationing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) It is too early to assess the impact of the recent price increase on the consumption of petrol in the country.

(b) and (c) As the present production of petrol in the country is sufficient for its requirement, there is no proposal to introduce rationing of petrol in the country.

Public Liability Insurance

48. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is mandatory for the LPG dealers/distributors to insure their registered consumers against explosion deaths under the Public Liability Insurance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the manner in which

it is ensured that the registered consumers are told of their insurance at the time of giving LPG connections so that the insurance risk covered is not misused by the distributors in the event of any mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) It is obligatory for LPG distributors to have a third party liability insurance coverage of upto Rs. 10 lakhs per accident. There is no procedure laid down for advising the consumer about the availability of the insurance cover. Insurance claims are processed by the insurance companies according to their procedure.

Supply of energy to deficit States

49. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise position of energy at present; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve the supply of energy to deficit States?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The State-wise power supply position during March, 1986 is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) To meet the shortage of power in the country, a number of steps are being taken which include:

(i) Expediting commissioning of additional generating capacity.

(ii) Maximising generation from the existing thermal power plants through plant betterment/renovation programme.

(iii) Reducing the transmission and distribution losses.

(iv) Adopting measures for energy conservation.

(v) Transfer of power from surplus States to deficit States.

Statement

Power Supply Position—March, 1986

(*Fig. in MU*)

Name of State	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%shortage
1	2	3	4	5
Haryana	440	408	32	7.3
H.P. incl. BSL	83	83	..	..
Jammu and Kashmir	175	150	25	14.3
Punjab incl. NFF	790	775	15	1.9
Rajasthan	730	690	40	5.5
Uttar Pradesh	1690	1516	174	10.3
Delhi	376	376	..	..
Chandigarh	28	26	2	7.1
NORTHERN REGION	4312	4024	288	6.7